

MOORE, Travis A. [R]—(Dist. No. 33, *Spartanburg Co.*)—Partner at Anderson & Moore LLC; residing at 361 Lancaster Farm Rd., Roebuck; s. Clark and Ann Moore; g. The Citadel, B.A., 2002; Univ. of S.C., 2008; Jan. 1, 2007 *m.* Jenny Dunaway, 5 children; Asst. Solicitor, 7th Judicial Circuit, 2008–11; C. Bruce Littlejohn Young Lawyer Award, 2010; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Amer. Legion; Tyger River Chapel Foundation Bd. mem.; Den Leader Cub Scouts, Pack 1; Major, SCARNG, 2000–; Kosovo, 2004–05; Afghanistan, 2007–08, Combat Infantryman; former Vestryman and mem., The Episcopal Church of the Advent; prev. serv. in House 2021.



MORGAN, Adam Michael [R]—(Dist. No. 20, *Greenville Co.*)—Pres., Majesty Music Inc. & Atty.; residing at 803 Ikes Rd., Taylors; b. Apr. 26, 1989 in Dallas, Tex.; s. Timothy and Michele Morgan; g. Bob Jones Univ., B.A., 2011; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 2015; July 4, 2016 *m.* Megan Hamilton, 2 children, Ella Marie and Hamilton Michael; Bd. mem., Hope for the Home, 2016; mem., Morningside Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2019–21.



MOSS, Dennis Carroll [R]—(Dist. No. 29, *Cherokee-Chester-York Cos.*)—Retired, S.C. Hwy. Patrol; residing at 306 Silver Cir., Gaffney; b. Jan. 13, 1954 in Union; s. the late James Edward and Mary Ivey Moss; g. Union High School, 1972; attended Spartanburg Methodist Coll.; S.C. Criminal Justice Academy; June 24, 1978 *m.* Janet Ellis, 1 child, Brandon Lindsay, 2 grandchildren; mem.: Lions Intl.; Sertoma Intl.; Gaffney #186 Masonic Lodge; Cherokee Shrine Club; Hejaz Shrine Temple; NRA; Cherokee Co. Econ. Dev. Bd.; United Way of Piedmont; former lay member to Annual Conf.; mem., Bd. of Dirs.: Cherokee Co. Habitat for Humanity; Cherokee Co. Senior Citizens Center Adv. Bd.; Sportsmen's Caucus; Rural Caucus; Family Caucus;



mem., Ways & Means Com.; Chm., Invitations & Memorial Resolutions Com.; mem., Mesopotamia United Methodist Church, Gaffney; prev. serv. in House 2007–21.



MOSS, V. Stephen “Steve” [R]—(Dist. No. 30, *Cherokee-York Cos.*)—Retired Banker; residing at 104 Rains Rd., Blacksburg; *b.* Feb. 3, 1950 in Cherokee Co.; *s.* Winfred V. and Frances M. Moss; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1972; S.C. School of Banking, 1976; School of Banking of the South, LSU, 1984; Aug. 21, 1976 *m.* Cheryl C. Carlton, 3 children, Elizabeth M., Jessica M., and

Emily M.; Pres., Cherokee Co. Chamber of Commerce, 1982, 1994; Pres., Gaffney Rotary, 1996; Chm., Cherokee Co. Recreation Dist., 1982–84; Cherokee Co. School Bd., 1990–94; Cherokee Co. Comm. Foundation Bd., 1995–04; S.C. Bd. of Educ., 1999–00; S.C. Banker’s Assn. Bd., 2007–09; 2015 S.C. Farm Bureau Legislator of the Year; Volunteer Fireman, 47 years; Cherokee Co. Dev. Bd.; House Agric., Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Com.; Chm., Agric. Subcom.; Bd. of Dirs., IronCity Ministries; S.C. Firefighters Assn., Order of Maltese Cross; S.C. Athletic Trainers Assn. Presidential Award; S.C. Green Council Legislator of the Year; mem., S.C. Amer. Revolution Sestercentennial Comm.; mem. & men’s Sunday School teacher, Hopewell Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House Apr. 28, 2009–21.



MURPHY, Chris [R]—(Dist. No. 98, *Dorchester Co.*)—Atty., Murphy Law Firm LLC; residing at 4238 Persimmon Woods Dr., N. Charleston; *b.* May 31, 1968 in Honolulu, Hawaii; *s.* the late Patrick J. and the late Barbara A. Murphy; *g.* The Citadel, B.A., 1990; Mississippi Coll., J.D., 1995; Aug. 6, 1994 *m.* Maité D., 2 children, Christopher A. and Jackson F.; founding mem., Sum-

merville Miracle League; Asst. Solicitor, First Judicial Circuit, 1996–01; Special Asst., U.S. Atty., Drug/Violent Crime Task Force, 1998–01; Dorchester Co. Council, 2002–10, Chm., 2005; House Jud. Com.; Criminal Law Subcom., Chm.; Review & Oversight Comm. on the Ports Authority; Sentencing Reform

Oversight Com.; Judicial Merit Selection Comm.; mem., St. Paul's Episcopal Church; mil. serv.: SCARNG; prev. serv. in House 2011–21.

MURRAY, Chardale R. [D]—(Dist. No. 116, *Charleston-Colleton Cos.*)—Owner & Resident Mgr., Murray's Mortuary; residing at 5791 Tide Lane, Hollywood; *b.* Nov. 29, 1975 in Charleston; *d.* Charlie, Sr. and Lorraine Murray; *g.* Univ. of S.C., M.S.; Canaan Bible Coll., hon. Ph.D.; 1 child, Bryce; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sor. Inc., Gamma Xi Omega Chap. (23 years); Henrietta B. White Temple #1342 (IBPDEW); Tuskegee Airmen-Hiram E. Mann Chap.; Bd. of Trustees, Canaan Bible Coll.; prev. serv. in House 2021.



NEWTON, Brandon [R]—(Dist. No. 45, *Lancaster-York Cos.*)—Staff, Univ. of S.C. Lancaster; residing in Lancaster; *b.* July 29, 1994 in Lancaster; *s.* Danny and Donna Newton; *m.* Allison Newton, 1 child, Wales; *g.* Univ. of S.C. Lancaster, 2014, A.A., 2015, A.S., 2015; Univ. of S.C., B.A., 2016; Winthrop Univ., M.B.A., 2019; mem., Lancaster Breakfast Rotary Club; Bd. mem., The Children's Council, Lancaster, 2012–16; Chm., S.C. Fifth Congressional Dist. Rep. Party, 2014–16; Univ. of S.C. Lancaster Student Body Pres., 2014–16; Chm., Lancaster Co. Rep. Party, 2015–16; Exec. Com. mem., S.C. Rep. Party, 2019–; prev. serv. in House 2017–21.



NEWTON, Wm. Weston J. [R]—(Dist. No. 120, *Beaufort-Jasper Cos.*)—Atty. & Partner, Jones, Simpson & Newton, P.A.; residing at 83 Myrtle Island Rd., Bluffton; *b.* Feb. 22, 1967 in Greenville; *s.* Jourdan J. Macfie and the late Howard Newton; *g.* Washington & Lee Univ., B.A., 1989; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1993; Apr. 25, 1998 *m.* Rose R. Buyck, 3 children, Reedy, William, and Eliza Rose; Order of Wig and Robe, Univ. of S.C.



School of Law, 1993; Law Clerk, Hon. John H. Waller, Jr., Assoc. Justice, S.C. Supreme Court, Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit, 1993–94; Law Clerk, Hon. C. Weston Houck, Chief U.S. Dist. Judge, Dist. of S.C., 1994–96; mem., Beaufort Co. Council, 1999–12, Chm., 2003–12; 2004, 40 Under 40 Top Young Bus. Professionals in Savannah/Hilton Head; Bd. mem., S.C. Assn. of Counties, 2005–10, 2nd VP, 2011, 1st VP, 2012; Best of Bluffton Best Atty. Award, 2007; Univ. of S.C. Bd. of Visitors, 2008–12; former Bd. mem.: Sunset Rotary Club; Volunteers in Medicine; Leadership Hilton Head/Bluffton; mem.: Beaufort Co. Bar Assn.; Hilton Head Bar Assn., Treas., 1997–98, Secy., 1998–99, Pres., 1999–01; Liberty Fellows Class of 2015; mem., Church of the Cross, 1996; prev. serv. in House 2013–21.



NUTT, Roger A. [R]—(Dist. No. 34, *Spartanburg Co.*)—Professional Engineer; residing in Moore, 1966–; *b.* Sept. 20, 1965 in Johnson City, Tenn.; *s.* Frank “Mac” Nutt and the late Sandra Nutt; Tenn. Tech. Univ., B.S., Engineering, 1989; June 25, 2001 *m.* Tracy Fennell, 3 children, Collin, Kaitlin, and Luke, 2 grandchildren; Comr., SJWD Water Dist., 2008–10; Dist. 6 Rep.,

Spartanburg Co. Council, 2010–20; mem.: S.C. Workforce Dev. Bd.; Animal Allies Bd. of Dirs.; TNC Engineering LLC, Owner; NRA life mem.; Natl. Deer Assn. (fka QDMA) Supporter; founding mem., West Spartanburg Church of Christ; mem., Central Church of Christ, 1966–18; prev. serv. in House 2021.



OREMUS, Melissa Lackey [R]—(Dist. No. 84, *Aiken Co.*)—Small Bus. Owner; residing in Aiken; *b.* Nov. 17, 1978 in Aiken; *d.* Danny L. Lackey and Patricia T. Welborn; *g.* Univ. of S.C. Aiken, B.S., 2001; Southern Wesleyan, M.S.M., 2008; Oct. 29, 2005 *m.* James T. Oremus, 3 children, Brooke Ashton, Jenna Carson, and Jacob Preston; Mead Hall School Bd., 2010–17; WSA Dev.

Com., 2001–13; Aiken Mid-Day Lions; Midland Valley Lions Club, 2021–; mem., NRA; mem., Christian Heritage Church; prev. serv. in House Oct. 1, 2019–21.

OTT, Russell L. [D]—(Dist. No. 93, *Calhoun-Lexington-Orangeburg Cos.*)—Businessman; residing at 135 Ott Farm Trail, St. Matthews; b. Mar. 26; s. Harry L., Jr. and Linda Fleming Ott; g. Clemson Univ., B.A., 2000; Univ. of S.C., M.P.A., 2003; 2 children, Lawson Legare and Bryce Jameson; former Town Admin. for towns of Elloree, North, and Neeses; S.C. Farm Bureau, 2004–13; Med., Mil., Public & Municipal Affairs Com., 2014–; mem., Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church; prev. serv. in House Oct. 29, 2013–21.



PARKS, Julia Anne [D]—(Dist. No. 12, *Greenwood-McCormick Cos.*)—Mortician & Funeral Dir., Parks Funeral Home & Licensed Real Estate Agent; b. July 1, 1955 in Greenwood; d. Julia (Arnold) Parks and the late James Lloyd Parks, Jr.; g. Gupton-Jones School of Mortuary Science, 1977; Johnson C. Smith Univ., B.S., 1976; single; mem.: Greenwood City Council, 1988–96; Stop the Violence Com.; former mem.: COOL Bd.—Comm. Outreach Organized Learning; Budget Com. for United Way, 1996; Chamber of Commerce; Delta Sigma Theta Sor.; NAACP; Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Frat.; mem.: Organization of Concerned Citizens; Morris Chapel Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 1997, 1999–21.



PENDARVIS, Marvin R. [D]—(Dist. No. 113, *Charleston-Dorchester Cos.*)—Atty.; residing in N. Charleston; b. Oct. 13, 1989 in Charleston; s. Geneice Pendarvis and the late Marvin Mitchell; g. Univ. of S.C., B.A., 2011, J.D., 2014; m. HaQuasha Pendarvis, 1 child, Marvin, Jr. (Deuce); Bd. mem.: Lowcountry Alliance of Model Comms., Charleston Youth Dev. Center, Lowcountry Youth Servs., N. Charleston Bd. of Zoning Appeals, 2016–17; Adv. Bd. mem.: S.C. Comm. on Minority Affairs, Urban Land Inst. S.C.; Trident United Way Young Leaders United, Steering Com. mem.; Omega Psi Phi Frat. Inc.; mem.,



Royal Missionary Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House Nov. 7, 2017–21.

POPE, Thomas E. “Tommy”, Speaker *Pro Tempore* (for biography and picture see p. 81).



RIVERS, Michael F., Sr. [D]—(Dist. No. 121, *Beaufort-Colleton Cos.*)—Minister & Retired USAF; residing at 734 Seaside Rd., St. Helena Island; *b.* Oct. 16, 1958 in Baltimore, Md.; *s.* Cleaver B. Johnson and Julia Boles (biological parents) and Harris and Ophelia Rivers (parents); *g.* DeVry Inst., Tech. Certificate, 1980; Tech. Coll. of Lowcountry, CAD & Drafting certificate, 2003; Claflin Univ., B.S., 2008; *m.* Lisa, 3 children, Monica, Michelle, and Michael, Jr., 2 grandchildren; mem.: Beaufort Co. Ministerial Alliance; NAACP; Beaufort Co. School Bd., 1998–16; mil. serv.: USAF, 1976–78; prev. serv. in House 2017–21.



ROBINSON, Leola C. [D]—(Dist. No. 25, *Greenville Co.*)—Retired Dir., Greenville Tech. Coll.; residing at 19 Prince Ave., Greenville; *b.* Sept. 28, 1944 in Belton; *d.* Clyde and Rosa Lee Coleman Clement; attended Shaw Univ., 1963; *g.* York Coll. of the City Univ. of New York (CUNY), B.A., 1975; Furman Univ., M.Ed., 1990; Brandeis Univ., Graduate Certificate in Exec. Policy & Mgmt., 1993; Leadership Greenville, 1980; 5 children, Aminah, the late Basheer, Hassan, Shakir, and William; Dir., ESAA, Greenville Urban League, 1976–80; Dir., Chamber of Commerce/Private Industry Council, 1980–88; Comm. Greenville Housing Authority, 1983–88; School Bd. Trustee, Dist. 25, 1996–12; Appalachian Council of Govts., 1996–06; founder, Center for Educational Equity (CEE) Success Center, 2000–12; Author, *Black America Greenville County*, (series) Arcadia Publishing, 2007; Greenville Co. Humanitarian Award, 1996; NAACP Freedom Fighter Award, 2003; GCEC Women Making History Award, 2006; Soroptomist Intl. Women of Distinction Award, 2008; mem., Epsilon Iota Zeta Chap., Zeta Phi Beta Sor. Inc.; prev. serv. in House 2013–21.

ROSE, Seth [D]—(Dist. No. 72, *Richland Co.*)—Atty.; residing in Columbia; *b.* Dec. 26, 1980; *s.* Jeffrey Joseph and Gigi Rose; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 2003, J.D., 2007; Apr. 5, 2008 *m.* Anna Cartin, 3 children, Cole, Luke, and Matilda “Tillie”; S.C. Bar, 2007; Richland Co. Asst. Prosecutor, 2007–11; Richland Co. Councilman, 2011–18; First Team All-America Singles Tennis Player for the Univ. of S.C.; Univ of S.C. Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee, 2014; prev. serv. in House 2019–21.



RUTHERFORD, James Todd [D]—(Dist. No. 74, *Richland Co.*)—Atty.; residing at 2321 Lincoln St., Columbia; *b.* Oct. 10, 1970 in Columbia; *s.* Harry and Karen Rutherford; *g.* Howard Univ., B.A., 1992; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1996; Dec. 11, 2020 *m.* Megan Pinckney, 3 children, J. Todd II “Ty”, Tripp Benjamin, and C. Teagan; Legis. Asst., Congressman Robin Tallon, 1992–93; Owner, 3 Tech Integrated Systems, 1993; Asst. Solicitor/Special Prosecutor of Narcotic and Drug Cases, Fifth Solicitor’s Office, 1996–98; The Rutherford Law Firm LLC, 1998–; House Minority Leader, 2013–; Owner: 803 Trucking LLC; The Sweet Temptations Bakery LLC; Natl. Bd. mem., NAACP Special Contributions Fund; Bd. mem., Brookland Baptist Church; Comm. Credit Union; mem., S.C. Bar Assn.; prev. serv. in House 1999–21.



SANDIFER, Bill [R]—(Dist. No. 2, *Oconee-Pickens Cos.*)—Businessman; residing at 112 Cardinal Dr., Seneca; *b.* Feb. 21, 1945 in Aiken; *s.* the late William Edward, Jr. and the late Frances Harley Sandifer; *g.* Cincinnati Coll. of Mortuary Science, 1965; Nov. 6, 1981 *m.* Sandra Prater, 4 children, Wes, Jennifer, the late Will, and the late Lori; Pres.: S.C. Funeral Dirs. Assn., 1987; S.C. State Bd. of Funeral Serv., 1983; Seneca Chamber of Commerce, 1978; Chm., Bd. of Dirs.: Oconee Memorial



Hosp., 1986–88; Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority, 1994; Champion of Housing Award, S.C. Home Builders, 1996–97; Hammer and Trowel Award by Home Builders Assn. of S.C., 1998; Natl. Rep. Legislator of the Year, 2000; Bd. of Dirs., Seneca Natl. Bank; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Funeral Dirs. Assn., 2000; Legislator of the Year, City of Seneca, 2000; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Cemetery Assn., 2002; Legis. Leadership Award, S.C. Tel. Assn., 2002; S.C. Guardian of Small Bus. Award, Natl. Fed. of Independent Bus., 2002; Asst. Majority Leader, 2002–04; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Realtors Assn., 2002; Legis. Award by Amer. Legion, Dept. of S.C., 2003; Hall of Fame Award, Seneca Chamber of Commerce, 2004; 2003 Distinguished Serv. Award, Home Builders Assn. of Greenville; Special Legis. Award, S.C. Funeral Dirs. Assn., for highest office held by a mem. of the Assn.; Legislator of the Year, Manufactured Housing Inst. of S.C., 2009; Champion of Health Care, S.C. Med. Assn., 2009–; Distinguished Chairman of LCI, S.C. Funeral Dirs. Assn., 2009; “Peas & Carrots” Award by Citizens for Sound Conservation for “Improving our Environmental & Economical Quality of Life”, 2010, 2012; 2010, 2012 & 2013 Sword & Mace Award by S.C. BIPEC; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Cable Assn., 2010; inducted into the S.C. Homebuilder’s Hall of Fame, 2010; past Chm., Energy & Environmental Com., Southern Legis. Conf.; 2013 & 2014 Golden Apple Award, Natl. Coalition for Public School Options; 2013 Paul Harris Fellow Award, Seneca Rotary Club; 2013 Outstanding Serv. Award, United Way; 2013 W. Mack Chamblee Quality of Life Award, S.C. Realtors; 2013–14 Legislator of the Year Award, Natl. Guard Assn. of S.C.; Appreciation for Outstanding Leadership & Support, S.C. Assn. of CPAs, 2014; Profound Gratitude for Support of Captive Industry, S.C. Captive Ins. Assn., 2015; Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2015, 2016; Recognition for Perfect 100% Legis. Score, Palmetto Family, 2015–16; Rep. of the Year, S.C. Pawnbrokers Assn., 2016; mem., Treas., Southern States Energy Bd.; mem. & PM, Seneca Masonic Lodge; mem. & past WP, Seneca Order of Eastern Star; mem., Seneca Elks Lodge; 2019 S.C. Ins. Assn. Legislator of the Year; 2020 Upstate Forever Public Servant of the Year; mil. serv.: SCARNG, 20 years, retired Maj.; prev. serv. in House 1995–21.

SIMRILL, J. Gary [R]—(Dist. No. 46, York Co.)—Businessman; residing at 1515 Alexander Rd., Rock Hill; *b.* May 29, 1966 in Rock Hill; *s.* the late T. Hugh, Jr. and Diane Belk Simrill; *g.* Winthrop Univ., B.S., 1991; Dec. 4, 1993 *m.* Mary Ruth Dobson, 3 children, Mallory Graham, Sarah Kate, and Joseph Dozier; Chamber of Commerce; Kiwanis Intl.; Distinguished Serv. Award, S.C. Chap. of Natl. Fed. of the Blind; *Who's Who in Amer. Politics*; Majority Leader; Doctor of Laws, Winthrop Univ., 2019 hon. Ph.D.; Public Servant of the Year, S.C. Chamber of Commerce; Advocate of the Year, S.C. Advocates for Agric.; Legislator of the Year, Behavioral Health Servs.; Legislator of the Year, Maritime Assn.; Soc. of the Maltese Cross; Port Oversight, JBRC, Ag. Head Salary Comm.; Bd. mem.: S.C. Transportation Infrastructure Bank, Camp Canaan, Piedmont Med. Center; recipient 2020 Wilkins Award for Excellence in Legis. Leadership, Riley Inst.; Westminster Presbyterian Church; prev. serv. in House 1993–21.



SMITH, Garry R. [R]—(Dist. No. 27, Greenville Co.)—Businessman; residing at 210 Foxhound Rd., Simpsonville; *b.* Mar. 4, 1957 in Aiken; *s.* J. Roland and Peggy Smith; *g.* Univ. of S.C. Aiken, B.A., 1979; Univ. of S.C., M.P.A., 1983; Aug. 4, 1979 *m.* Brenda L. Harman, 2 children, Michael Grady and Dana Michelle, 7 grandchildren; Affiliated Professor of Political Science, N. Greenville Univ., 2017–; managing partner, Nin Tai Enterprises LLC, 1995–; partner, Burkhold Smith Planning & Mgmt., 1996–; Pres., Amer. Soc. of Public Admin., S.C. Chap., 1988–90; Admin., Bamberg Co., 1988–92; Pres., S.C. Mgrs., Admin. & Supvrs., 1991–92; City Admin., Simpsonville, 1992–95; Chm., S.C. City and Co. Mgmt. Assn. Com. on City Legis. Issues, 1993–94; Chm., Greenville Co. Chief Admin. Office Group, 1995; Pres., Simpsonville Rotary Club, 1997–98; Amer. Legis. Exchange Council Bd. of Dirs., 2019–; Pres., Simpsonville United Methodist Men's Ministry, 2003–06, 2013–14 Chm., Church Council, Simpsonville United Methodist Church; prev. serv. in House May 20, 2003–21.

